GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS BY ICSSR FOR EXPANSION OF EDUCATION PROGRAMMES
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ICSSR provide funds to assist various universities to expand their educational programmes;

(b) the institutes/universities which got funds from the ICSSR during 2000-2001;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to assist the institutes doing social science research all over the country; and

(d) the norms laid down for such assistance?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a): According to the information provided by ICSSR, no such funds have been provided.

(b)&(c): The budgetary allocations for ICSSR have been substantially increased by the Government from the 8th plan outlay of Rs.18.55 crores to Rs.50.40 crores in the 9th plan. This represents an increase of 171.69 percent. The ICSSR in turn provide funds to its 27 research institutes spread all over the country.

(d) The norms for providing development and maintenance grant by ICSSR are at annexure.

Annexure

The norms for providing development and maintenance grant by ICSSR are as under:-

(i) It should be of an All India character in the sense that its facilities are open for students and social scientists in all parts of the country and its faculty is selected on an all India basis;

(ii) It should have been in existence for a period of not less than five years, except in cases where the Government of India and a State Government agree to establish a new Research Institute or select an existing Research Institute for development and financial support under this scheme;

(iii) It should not be eligible for assistance from the University Grants Commission;

(iv) It should be registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860, or as a public trust, or created by an Act of State Legislature; and,

(v) It should be adjudged by the Council to be a Research Institute of excellence in the field of social sciences on the basis of the standing and professional competence of its staff, the quantum and quality of its research output, its publications and its status in the profession.